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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN ACQUISITION OF C-47'S

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL
IMPACT IN BELIZE WERE USG TO MAKE AVAILABLE FIVE C-47'S
TO GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ALL FIVE
AIRCRAFT MIGHT TRICKLE INTO GUATEMALA BY YEAR END, BUT WE
WOULD ATTEMPT ENSURE THAT THEIR ARRIVAL NOT BE SUBJECT OF
PUBLICITY IN GUATEMALA. GAF NOW HAS TEN C-47'S.
2. FYI WE UNDERSTAND ARAVA'S SCHEDULED TO START ARRIVING
OCTOBER, WITH ONE ARRIVING ABOUT EACH TWO MONTHS THEREAFTER.
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